

Amendments to the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A candle, in an operable orientation comprising: a wick
2 surrounded by a solid fuel body, the fuel body including an upper fuel region of the solid
3 fuel body having a first melting point and a lower fuel region of the solid fuel body
4 vertically below the upper fuel region and having a second melting point at a lower
5 temperature than the first melting point, the lower fuel region located and extending at
6 least axially below the wick for extinguishing the candle.

1 2. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising a sustainer
2 mounted on the lower end of the wick to support the wick.

1 3. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the fuel body is a wax.

1 4. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 3, wherein the lower fuel region is
2 cylindrical.

1 5. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 4, wherein the lower fuel region has a
2 diameter less than to the diameter of the upper fuel region.

1 6. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 5, wherein the lower fuel region is only
2 below the wick.

1 7. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 4, wherein the lower fuel region has a
2 diameter substantially equal to the diameter of the upper fuel region.

1 8. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 3, wherein the lower fuel region is
2 frusto-conical.

1 9. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first melting point is at
2 least three degrees greater than the second melting point.

1 10. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first melting point is at
2 least six degrees greater than the second melting point.

1 11. (Original) A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the lower fuel region
2 contains a flame retardant.

1 12. (Currently amended) An improved method for making a candle having a candle fuel
2 body surrounding a wick, the improvement comprising:

3 (a) forming an upper fuel region of the fuel body with a void extending at least
4 axially and vertically below the wick; and

5 (b) filling the void with a candle fuel having a melting point at a lower
6 temperature than the melting point of the upper fuel region to form a lower fuel region in
7 the void.

1 13. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 12 and further comprising mounting a
2 sustainer on the lower end of the wick to support the wick.

1 14. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the
2 candle fuel body is a wax and a candle fuel wax is filled into the void.

1 15. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 14, and further
2 comprising forming the void in a cylindrical shape.

1 16. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 15, wherein the
2 lower fuel region has a diameter less than the diameter of the upper fuel region.

1 17. (Original) A method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 16 and
2 further comprising forming the void in a frusto-conical shape.

1 18. (Original) A method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 17,
2 wherein the void is filled with a wax having a melting point at least six degrees less than
3 the melting point of the upper fuel region.

1 19. (Original) A method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 18,
2 wherein the void is filled with a wax having a melting point at least three degrees less
3 than the melting point of the upper fuel region.

1 20. (Currently amended) A method for making a candle, the method comprising:
2 (a) forming an upper fuel region around a wick, the upper fuel region formed of a
3 candle fuel having a first melting point;
4 (b) forming a lower fuel region at one end of the upper fuel region, said lower fuel
5 region being adjacent and axially and vertically below the wick and having a second
6 melting point at a lower temperature than the first melting point.

1 21. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 20, further
2 comprising mounting a sustainer on one end of the wick to support the wick.

1 22. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 20, wherein the
2 fuel is wax.

1 23. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 20, wherein the
2 lower fuel region is formed in a cylindrical shape.

1 24. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 23, wherein the
2 lower fuel region is formed with a diameter less than the diameter of the upper fuel
3 region.

1 25. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 23, wherein the
2 lower fuel region is formed with a diameter substantially equal to the diameter of the
3 upper fuel region.

1 26. (Original) A method for making a candle in accordance with claim 20, wherein the
2 lower fuel region is frusto-conical.

1 27. (Original) The method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 20,
2 wherein the first melting point is at least three degrees greater than the second melting
3 point.

1 28. (Original) The method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 20,
2 wherein the first melting point is at least six degrees greater than the second melting
3 point.

1 29. (Original) The method for making an anti-flash candle in accordance with claim 20
2 and further comprising mixing a flame retardant in the lower fuel region.